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Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District

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Dear Friends,

The Chesapeake Bay is one of our nation's greatest natural resources and that is why I strongly support the EPA's Small Watershed Grants program. I recently joined with Sen. Paul Sarbanes in announcing more than \$1 million in Small Watershed Grants to 27 Maryland communities and organizations to support local efforts to clean up the Bay.

In the past nine years, the Small Watershed Grants program has provided a total of \$17.7 million in federal funds to support 544 projects throughout the Bay's watershed. Since 1998, these grants have been used to leverage an additional \$50 million from other funding sources to restore the Bay. This year's grants will help protect or manage approximately 2,600 acres of critical habitat, including wetlands, oyster reefs, and underwater sea grasses.

While these grants are relatively small – between approximately \$15,000 and \$50,000 -- they allow individuals and communities closest to the Bay to take a leading role in helping to restore the Bay's watershed.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress



CARDIN ANNOUNCES NEW EPA FUNDING TO HELP RESTORE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

At a press conference at the Chesapeake Ecology Center in Annapolis, Rep. Cardin announces more than \$1 million in EPA grants to 27 Maryland communities and organizations to support local efforts to clean up and improve the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Also attending the press conference were Sen. Paul Sarbanes and many Maryland environmentalists, including Vincent Leggett and Zora Lathan, pictured with the Congressman.

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